**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**

**A B S T R A C T**

Higher Education – Pilot Project –Introducing Online Courses in English Communication and Soft Skills in Andhra Pradesh in collaboration with British Council – Expenditure - Permission accorded from the accrued amounts – Orders –Issued.

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**HIGHER EDUCATION (UE) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.RT.No. 153** **Dated: 07-09-2017**

**Read the following**:

1. From the Secretary, APSCHE, Hyderabad Letter No. nil dt.23.2.2017.
2. From the Secretary, APSCHE, Hyderabad Letter No. nil dt.13.3.2017.
3. Govt. Letter No.983/UE/A1/2017- , Higher Education (UE) Department dt.31 .03.2017.
4. From the Secretary, APSCHE, Hyderabad Letter No. nil dt.29.5.2017.

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**O R D E R:**

The Government of Andhra Pradesh had invited British Council to conduct an investigation of the current situation of English language teaching and learning in 14 Higher Education Institutions of Andhra Pradesh in July/August, 2016. The aim was to design a suitable technology enabled learning solution that aims to improve the English proficiency and employability skills of the students in Andhra Pradesh. The outcomes of the needs analysis suggested that there is a strong need to improve the language proficiency, employability skills and confidence level of students enrolled in Higher Education Institutions of Andhra Pradesh.

2. The Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education (APSCHE) has received a proposal from the British Council to conduct a 15 month pilot targeted towards 100,000 students in the State of Andhra Pradesh. The proposed budget for this pilot is Rs 10,99,85,360.

3 . In the Govt. Letter 3rd read above, Government had accorded permission to introduce online courses in English communication and Soft Skills in A.P. for 100,000 (one lakh) students in Academic year 2017- 2018 in collaboration with the British Council as a Pilot project with an estimated cost of Rs.10,99,85,360 and also permitted to enter into an agreement with British council in this regard.

4. The Secretary, APSCHE, Tadepalli in his letter 4 th read above has stated that in addition to the proposed budget, the APSCHE will also look towards

meeting any unplanned expenditures incurred in the process of implementing the pilot. The APSCHE will make the upfront project payments to British Council . He has therefore requested to reimburse the same and issue orders towards successfully meeting the project costs for this pilot.

5. After careful examination of the matter, Government hereby authorise the Secretary, APSCHE, Tadepalli to incur the expenditure for this pilot project from the funds of APSCHE.

6. The Secretary, APSCHE, Tadepalli shall take further action in the matter.

**( BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH )**

**ADITYA NATH DAS**
**SPECIAL CHIEFSECRETARY TO GOVERNEMNT**

To
The Secretary,
APSCHE, Tadepalli.

**// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//**

**SECTION OFFICER**